

TRAAK Project Evaluation Criteria (see appendix for a summary of proposed changes)

Criteria are for TRAAK Projects not involving a related improvement to a highway, road, ferry or transit project.

Standards	Scoring Criteria				
	(5)	(3)	(0)	(-3)	(-5)
1. Health and quality of life Air and water quality, neighborhood continuity, enhanced recreational opportunities, enhanced understanding of natural and manmade environment Weighting: 4	This project provides a significant contribution to improved health or quality of life through reduction or removal of existing negative factor or provision of a new facility that improves quality of life.	This project provides a moderate contribution to improved health or quality of life through reduction or removal of existing negative factor or provision of a new facility that improves quality of life.	Project will have no affect either positive or negative on quality of life issues.	This project provides a moderate degradation to health or quality of life.	This project provides a significant degradation to health or quality of life.
2. Safety. Weighting: 5	Addresses demonstrated safety problem of significance.	Addresses demonstrated safety problem of moderate nature or there is a record of public concern.	Project does not have a safety component.	Project will have a minor adverse affect on safety.	Project will have a major adverse effect on safety.
3a. Local, other agency or user contribution to fund capital costs excluding land. Weighting: 4	Contributions covers 25% or more of project costs. Note: award 1 point for each 5% contribution.	Note: award 1 point for each 5% contribution.	No contribution.	N/A	N/A
3b. Local, other agency or user contribution of land to project. Weighting: 4	Contribution of land for entire facility, plus change of land status to permanently dedicate land for project.	Contribution of land for less than entire facility plus permanent dedication: points proportionate to land contributed for project.	Public agency provides (non-dedicated) land for project: 2 pts.	N/A	N/A
4a. Local, other agency or user contribution to assume ownership, including operations & maintenance costs. <i>Commitment must be in writing before points will be assigned.</i> Weighting: 4	Sponsor will assume ownership of DOT&PF facility; or sponsor will assume ownership of another DOT&PF facility of similar M&O cost.	Sponsor will assume full M&O responsibility of DOT&PF facility; or sponsor will assume full M&O of another DOT&PF facility of similar M&O cost.	Sponsor contributes nothing.	N/A	N/A

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4b. Local, other agency or user contribution to fund operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. (Use for non-DOT facilities). Weighting: 3	Sponsor will assume ownership of and maintenance responsibility for new facility.	Sponsor will assume full M&O responsibility (but not ownership); or sponsor will assume full M&O of another DOT&PF facility of similar M&O cost	Continued sponsor ownership & operation of locally-owned facility = 2 pts.; and results in significant local maintenance savings = 3 pts.	Sponsor assumes ownership, but not M&O responsibility	Sponsor assumes neither ownership nor M&O responsibility
5. Public support. Weighting: 4	Preponderance of public record including a resolution from the local elected body shows support for project and fully supported in official State, local <i>or Federal</i> plans.	Majority of public record shows support for project and fully supported in official State, local or Federal plans (4); or nominally supported in official State, local <i>or Federal</i> plans (3).	Public record is divided or undocumented toward project	Majority of public record shows opposition to project; and not supported in official State, local <i>or Federal</i> plans.	Preponderance of public record shows opposition to project including a resolution from the local elected body and contravenes official State, local <i>or Federal</i> plans.
6. Project bridges gap or removes barrier between existing trail systems or provides interpretive center or rest area continuity. Weighting: 2	Project provides an important connection (bridges gap, removes barrier or provides interp. or rest area continuity).	Project provides a modest connection. (bridges gap, removes barrier or provides interp. or rest area continuity).	No gaps bridged or barriers removed but does connect to existing networks.	Project creates barrier or displaces existing non-motorized uses.	N/A
7. Project is tied to an annual recreational, educational or tourism event or activity? This project would strongly support/sustain this event/? Weighting: 2	Event or activity is of statewide or regional significance and well known/long standing. Yes to both (5), yes to one (4).	Event or activity is local and well known/long standing. Yes to both (3) or yes to one (2). Event is new but growing in importance (1).	Event is minor and local.	N/A	N/A

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8. Any of the six intrinsic qualities : scenic, historic, cultural, natural, archaeological, recreational. Weighting: 3	One point for each one; maximum 5. <i>Project must include interpretation of historic, cultural, natural and archaeological attributes for points.</i>	(See to left.)	None.	N/A	N/A
9. <i>Project includes Stabilization or renovation of a historic property related to transportation</i> Weighting: 4	<i>Nomination includes letter or other documentation of inclusion of the renovated property on the National Historic Register.</i>	<i>Nomination includes letter of support from Office of History & Archeology that declares the property to be of significant (4 or 3), or of moderate (2 or 1) historical importance.</i>	<i>Project does not include stabilization or renovation of a historic property.</i>		<i>Project will harm or reduce in value an historic property.</i>
10. Capital cost Weighting: 4	Total project cost (all phases): \$250,000 or less = 5	Total project cost (all phases): \$250,000-\$500,000 = 3	Total project cost (all phases): \$500,000-\$750,000 = 1 \$750,000 or more = 0	N/A	N/A
11. Other factors not specified. Weighting: 2	Project exhibits significant innovation, creativity or unique benefits not otherwise rated.	Project exhibits moderate innovation, creativity or unique benefits not otherwise rated.	Project exhibits no innovation, creativity or unique benefits not otherwise rated.	N/A	N/A

Total Weight = 45